Mr. LILLIES NEVV PROPHECY.

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Sober Predictions of a Peace between the *French* and the *Dutch*, and their Allies, ſpeedily to be concluded.

Drawn from ſome Aſtrological Conſiderations of the general Aſſembly of the Planets happening in *Sagitary*, in the Month of *December*, this preſent Year, 1675. &c.

Together with ſome probable Conjectures of the Succeſs of the King of *Poland*, againſt the *Turks* and *Tartars*.

From the ſeveral Configurations of the Heavens, in the approach ing Year, 1676.

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1676?

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OR,

Well-wiſhing Predictions of an Univerſal peace, throughout EUROPE.

IT is too ſadly Viſible and Notorious, how much *Europe* has for many years by-paſt ſuffered under the Calamities of a moſt grievous War: How Nations have Juſtled with Nations, and Kingdoms with Kingdoms, ſome ſtriveing for Glory and Conqueſt, others gaſping for liberty and ſelf-preſervation; Whilſt to the prejudice (I wiſh we might not ſay to the reproach and ſcandal) of our moſt holy faith amongſt upbraiding infidels, the Swords of Chriſtians have been mutually imbrued and diſtain'd with the blood of their ſlaughter'd Brethren; For what Crown or ſtate (almoſt) is there profeſſing Chriſtianity, which and this day is not involved in the flame, except the land of our Nativity, where by the bleſſing of God and care of his Vicegerent, our moſt gracious Prince, we

enjoy a calm ſecurity of free trade, whilſt all our neighbours are in danger of Shipwrack by the violent agitations of theſe unhappy Tempeſts, as if indulgent Heaven had reſcued us from the common combuſtion, that our deſerving Monarch might have the honour of being chiefly inſtrumental in quenching the flames, that he may enjoy the united applauſes of Chriſtendom for contributing to their General repoſe, and reap the Glory of diſtributing Olive-Branches more deſirable than the Laurels of the proudeſt Conquerors.

The true primary or Original cauſe of all theſe diſturbances muſt be acknowledged to be that ſource of all our miſery, *SIN*; whereby the Sons of Men provoke their God to viſit them with theſe Judgements; but amongſt the natural and celeſtial prodromi or fore-runners of them, whereby they were preſignified to the world, we may juſtly and principally reckon the three Comets (or Blazing-Stars) 1665. Of whoſe nature and effects much having been already written by ſeveral Authors we ſhall ſay nothing further here, nor undertake to point out by or from what particular poſitions or aſpects of the heavens, or Tranſits of the ſuperior bodies, the moſt eminent battels by Lande, Engagements at Sea, Skirmiſhes, Seiges, and encounters, that have lately been acted on the *Europian* Stage; with their ſeveral ſucceſſes were denoted, and might (poſsibly) have been deſcyphered by the wary Sons of Art, whoſe Towering Genius (if they have but the true Cabaliſtick Key, and han-

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dleit with modesty and discretion] may be admitted into the dark Closet of Futurity [so as to behold Actions in the Womb of their Natural causes] further, than some groveling Carpers (whose very souls seem to partake of a Terrestiety, as well as their bodies) can easily imagine.

In the Year, 1672. our Famous *Lilly* had these words amongst his Astrological Judgements; in his *Merlinus Anglicus*, (or *Almanack*) Printed for that Year, *viz.*

Neer unto these times, some kind of Astonishment surprizes an active potentate of Europe, seeing plainly that neither his Actions of War or peace succeeded according to his projected Expectations, being either circumvented, as he believes, or frustrated by providence, he being not the man ordained to give Laws to his Neighbour Nations.

This was written by that well-skill'd Pen in *August*, 1672. And how far or in what parts of the World the same has been, or may hereafter be fulfilled or verified, we shall not here dispute: but since Peace is the great blessing which so many Nations now want, we shall proceed to make a brief inquiry what grounds the World may have from the present posture of the Heavens to expect and hope for the same.

And certainly we have no reason to despair thereof; for if inferiors be governed by superiors, and the actions of mortals keep time to the secret musique of the Spheares, [we mean celestial influences] it may rationally be concluded, that when those glorious

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guiding lights concur in their positions and beams, men may likewise agree and correspond better in their counsels and actions.

Observe your Ephemerides then, and in the latter end of the month of *November* next approaching, and beginning of *December*, you shall find the benevolent Planet *Jupiter* treating all the rest of the Planets; (except churlish *Saturn*) in his own day-house and Triplicity; so eminent a Congress or Assembly of the Celestial *Septemviri*, (like the interviews of mighty Princes) rarely happens, and then not without some Illustrious Effects, and seems in an *Astrological* sense to speak to this effect.

That the Inhabitants of this part of the world, wearied with the Toyls and Fatigues of Long and bloody Wars, shall at or about that time, or the Month before mentioned, generally appear desirous and pant after peace, waveing those Temerarious Councels that first involved them in these pernicious Contentions, and that some Grave and pious Prince or princes in compassion to prevent the further effusion of Christian blood, should undertake the mediation of these grand differences, whose laudable endeavours Heaven seems inclinable to crown with the desired success; though yet as all great actions are not brought to pass without eminent difficulties; especially where there are so many several and contrary interests to be satisfied, so here willing *Mercury* just going retrograde may put a sudden damp sometime upon their treaties, as if all would terminate in smoak,

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intimating that the peevish humours of some Conceited Ministers, or persons delegated under a publique Character may clog and intangle their debates with several Remora's procrastinations and obstructions by insisting on puntilio's, and preferring Niceties before the common good of Christendome; Yet *Saturn* towards the beginning of the year becoming stationary to direction, and Jupiter courting him with the Amicable Rays of Trine-aspect carries on the blessed work, maugre these rubbs flung in the way by the busie tongued Mercurial Tribe.

Nor is this our single sentiment the Judicious Author of (the true) Calendarium Astrologicum or Triggs Almanack for 1676. loyns his suffrage and concurs in Iudgement, having this Observation in January.

Many are the configurations of the Planets at the beginning of this month, which prevend to mortals nothing of any dangerous consequence; but rather a general agreement, &c.

And again in *February*.

If Sextile aspects of the Planets, betoken amity amongst these celestial Bodies, then certainly there will be great harmony in the Heavens this month, whence I conjecture they may happily influence the same effects amongst men upon Earth;

—Thus that industrious Artist.

'Tis true, we dare not be positive, for perhaps our zeal and passionate wishes for such a blessed composure may biass our Judgement into error, yet we are confident a little time will clear us from the suspition; and that *Janus's* Temple may be shut for some time

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amongst Christians, and open onely against the Arms of *Ottomon*, and other miscreants; and oh how glorious were it to see our reconciled Princes send their united Troops to the aid of the most illustrious King of *Poland* against his numerous enemies both Turks and Tartars.

Seriously the Conjunction of Sol and Saturn in Taurus in April next is of no good signification to that most heroick Prince; yet as his actions and successes have hitherto been within a degree of miraculous; so we have reasons in art to conclude they will for the future be no less glorious, and that his name shall be as dreadful to the Mahumetans as that of Scanderbeg was heretofore. May the Lord of Hosts be to him a shield and a Buckler, and cover his head in the day of battel; that he may vanquish and put to flight those barbarous Infidels. And may the God of peace incline the hearts of all Christian potentates to love and amity, and particularly continue that blessed Tranquility we now enjoy unto this Nation wherein we live, that we may sit under our own Vines, and sing psalms unto him, and none may make us afraid.

FINIS.